

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1- 11 are cancelled.

12. (twice amended) A guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures, comprising: a titanium molybdenum alloy ~~guidewire~~ wire having approximately 78% titanium, 11.5% molybdenum, 6% zirconium and 4.5% tin by weight, the wire having a proximal end portion and a distal end portion where the distal end portion is tapered to a lesser diameter than the diameter of the proximal end portion.

Claims 13-15 (cancelled).

16. (currently amended) A ~~The guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 13~~ 12 having,

a the distal end having portion with a helical coil attached, ~~with and where~~ the coil ~~touching~~ touches a distal tip ~~such that of the guidewire,~~ the coil ~~provides~~ providing springiness at proximate the distal tip and ~~touches the distal tip to prevent~~ inhibiting kinking of the coil.

17. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim ~~13~~ 12 having,

a rounded distal tip member on the end of the distal end portion of the wire to prevent the distal end of the wire from penetrating tissue in the wall of a body lumen upon passage of the guidewire through the body lumen passageway.

18. (twice amended) A ~~The~~ guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 12 wherein,

the ~~guidewire~~ wire has a lubricious polymer coating ~~for making the guidewire~~ slippery.

19. (currently amended) A ~~The~~ guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 12 wherein,

the ~~guidewire~~ wire has a hydrophilic coating.

20. (twice amended) A guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures comprising a titanium molybdenum alloy guidewire wire having approximately between about 75 % and about 83 %titanium, between about 8 % and about 14 %molybdenum, between about 4 % and about 8 % zirconium and between about 2 % and about 6 % tin by weight, the wire having a proximal end portion and a

distal end portion where the distal end portion is tapered to a lesser diameter than the diameter of the proximal end portion.

Claims 21-23 are cancelled.

24. (currently amended) A ~~The guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 20 having a distal end having a helical coil attached, with the coil touching to~~ a distal tip member such that the coil provides springiness at the distal tip portion ~~and touches the distal tip~~ to prevent kinking of the coil.

25. (currently amended) A ~~The guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 21~~ 20 having,
a distal tip member on the ~~end of the distal end portion~~ to prevent the distal end of the wire from penetrating tissue in the wall of a said body passageway.

26. (twice amended) A ~~The guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 20 wherein,~~
the ~~guidewire~~ wire has a lubricious polymer coating thereon ~~for making the guidewire slippery.~~

27. (currently amended) A ~~The guidewire for inserting into body passageways during medical procedures as in claim 20 wherein,~~
the guidewire has a hydrophilic coating thereon.

Claims 28- 37 are cancelled.